

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS


Claims 1-15 are pending, of which claims 8-12 are withdrawn. Claim Group I (claims 1-7 and 13-15) are elected for prosecution at this time.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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